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SUBJ: SENATOR PELL INQUIRY REGARDING CAPTURED M-16'S

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1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. DAO ROUTINELY TRACES M-16'S AND OTHER WEAPONS  
CAPTURED FROM GUERRILLAS WHEN THE SALVADORAN  
ARMED FORCES MAKES SUCH INFORMATION AVAILABLE. SEVERAL M-16'S  
HAVE BEEN TRACED TO VIETNAM. REF B CONTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE  
SALVADORAN MILITARY DOCUMENT LISTING CAPTURED WEAPONS,  
WHICH WAS SHOWN TO SENATOR PELL DURING HIS FEBRUARY TRIP  
TO EL SALVADOR.

3. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO "CENTRAL RESPOSITORY" FOR CAPTURED  
WEAPONS. CAPTURING UNITS CUSTOMARILY RETAIN M-16'S, AND  
FREQUENTLY DISTRIBUTE OTHER TYPES, SUCH AS FAL'S AND M-1  
CARBINES, TO IRREGULAR CIVIL DEFENSE FORCES.  
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